GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
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Status of Skill Development
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) the number of skills and trades that are available for the Indian youth in comparison with China and Japan;

(b) the present status of skill development in regard to electronics, manufacturing mobile phones, horticulture and dairy development;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any strategy to promote skill development in these aforementioned sectors and in the backward areas of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) The Ministry of skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has not conducted a comparative study as such. However, there are several factors like the kind of industries available, skill requirement of those industry and existing skill gaps that go into deciding the skill, trades and training requirement in a country. In India, there are about 40 skill development schemes being implemented by Central Government to meet skill manpower needs of various sectors and trades. The Ministry of skill Development and Entrepreneurship has Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) under which skill training for 221 trades in 35 sectors is being imparted to the youth. Moreover, Directorate General of Training under Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship offers long term courses for various trades as under:

S No. Scheme Designated Trades
1. Craftsmen Training Scheme 126
2. Apprenticeship Training Scheme 259
3. Skill Development Initiatives Scheme 629 modules under 70 sectors

(b) to (d) There are three Sector skill Councils (SSCs) namely Electronic Sector skill Council, Agriculture Sector Skill Council and Telecom Sector Skill Council set up as autonomous industry-led bodies for steering skill development and training for various job roles in their sectors. They create Occupational Standards, develop competency framework, conduct Train the Trainer Programs, affiliate Vocational Training Institutes, interface with the industry to assess their requirements, conduct skill gap studies in their sector and most importantly assess and certify trainees on the curriculum aligned to National Occupational Standards developed by them. The persons trained under PMKVY as on February, 2017 in these 3 sectors are as under:

S.No. Sector Concerned Candidates Trained
1 Electronics 1,75,647
2 Telecom 57,276
3 Agriculture 1,44,278

In addition, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDCs) training partners under fee based models are providing training in Electronics, Manufacturing Mobile Phones and Horticulture and Diary Development. During 2016-17(till 28.02.2017), 60798 persons in electronics, 368 in manufacturing mobile phones and 2236 in horticulture and daily development have been trained. As for training in backward areas, the PMKVY and many other Government schemes are imparting training on pan India basis including the backward areas of the country to promote skill development. In addition, MSDE has following skill development schemes focusing skill training in backward areas as under:

1. Skill Development in 47 Districts Affected by Left Wing Extremism− The scheme envisages establishment of 47 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in 47 districts; establishment of 68 Skill Development Centers (SDCs) and Skill training of 5340 youth in 34 districts affected by Left Wing Extremism in 10 States.
2. Enhancing Skill Development Infrastructure in NE States & Sikkim− The scheme envisages establishment of 22 new ITIs, establishment of 3 new trades in each of 20 existing ITIs and supplementing old and obsolete tools and equipment in each of 28 existing ITIs in 8 Northeastern States.

The Government is also setting up Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra (PMKK) which are model skill training centres to cover all districts including backward districts in the country.